

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 2/23/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5,8,9,11,12,16,19,20 and 29.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/26/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 5, 8-9, 11-12, 16, 19-20, and 29 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the Applicant's invention as claimed, namely a hard coat film comprising a silicone based hard coat layer provided on one side of a multi-layered base having a total thickness of 350 microns or less and consisting of a plurality of the same first resin film and one or more of a second different resin film laminated, wherein the first and resin films (although different) are selected from the group consisting of styrene-based resins, polycarbonate resins, and combinations thereof, wherein one of the resin films has a Charpy impact strength of at least 10 kg-cm/cm², and wherein the hard coat film is applied to the external surfaces of window panes or plastic boards for windows, is neither anticipated nor fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

The most pertinent prior art references of record are the teachings of GB 2 048 167 (hereinafter GB '167) and JP 11-309813 (hereinafter JP '813). Although the aforementioned prior art teach multilayered films in combination with a silicone-based hardcoat layer for application to the external surfaces of window panes or plastic boards for windows, the aforementioned prior art fails to teach the use of a multi-layered base consisting of a plurality of the same first resin film and one or more of a second different resin film wherein each layer is selected from the group consisting of styrene-based resins, polycarbonate resins, and combinations thereof. None of the secondary references of record alleviate this deficiency.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian P. Egan whose telephone number is 571-272-1491. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Y. Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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